

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2017

TIME: 1:00 - 2:45 p.m.

LOCATION: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

PLEASE NOTE MEETING WILL END AT 2:45 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. HSCRC Phase 2 Contract Update
- III. HealthChoice Evaluation Update
- IV. HealthChoice Rebrand
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Behavioral Health System Report
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:
Thursday, July 27, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3
Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 25, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kevin Lindamood
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Susan Phelps
Ms. Shannon Hall
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Judy Lapinski, Pharm.D
Ms. Carmel Roques
Ms. Grace Williams
Ms. Kerry Lessard
Ms. Nicolette Smth-Bligen
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Michele Douglas
Ms. Uma Ahluwalia
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Matthew Morgan
The Hon. Delores Kelley
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. C. David Ward
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.
Ms. Lesley Wallace
The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
Ms. Donna Fortson
Ms. Ann Rasenberger
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
The Hon. Pat Young
Ms. Christine Bailey
Mr. Norbert Robinson
Mr. Floyd Hartley

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kevin Lindamood, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:05 p.m. Ms. Louisa Baucom attended the meeting for Delegate Matthew Morgan, Mr. Evan Johnson attended for Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Ms. Amanda Carr attended the meeting for Delegate Pat Young and Ms. Jayne Hunt attended for Ms. Lesley Wallace. Committee members approved the minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting as written.

Departmental Report

Ms. Shannon McMahon, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing, informed the Committee that she and others attended a meeting to discuss maternal and child health issues. The Department has been working with the managed care organizations (MCOs) to look at how the Department pays for low birth weight babies and working on a new methodology. Other issues discussed were maternal mental health, broader infant mortality strategies, and ways to engage hospitals. Delegate Peña-Melnyk stated at the meeting they came up with a vision and a plan with responsibility being assigned to each piece of the plan.

This July is the 20th anniversary of HealthChoice. The Department is rebranding HealthChoice with a new logo and we will celebrate this milestone at the July MMAC meeting. The Department will change its name to the Department of Health on July 1, 2017.

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee met 3 weeks ago and the recommendation was made to have open access for all of the substance use drugs (SUDs), the buprenorphine formulations as well as to add the injectable naltrexone to the preferred drug list (PDL). It will still have a clinical criteria that is in accordance with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requirements but will all be on the preferred drug list as of July 1, 2017.

The Medicaid Directors, as a group, have been meeting every week. The Executive Committee met with the heads of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and talked about how important Medicaid is and reviewed some of the core principles. The group engaged in productive dialog with no commitments, however, the Directors feel the concerns about shifting benefits, people being uninsured and changes to the commercial market were heard.

The Department will provide an update on the Duals All Payer contract at the June MMAC meeting.

Minority Health Activities

Dr. Shalewa Noel-Thomas, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities gave the Committee an overview of the activities of the Office of Minority Health that are designed to address social determinants of health. The presentation outlined what social determinants of

health are, how addressing the social determinants of health will help achieve health equity and asks how we ensure that equity is infused in the work being done (see attached presentation).

Social Determinants

Ms. Shannon McMahon gave the Committee highlights of the on-going pathways Medicaid has implemented to address social determinants of health (see presentation).

Interagency Housing Partnership

Ms. Jennifer Miles, Money Follows the Person Project Director, the Department, Ms. Shalonda Manuel, Disability Program Manager, Department of Housing and Community Development and Ms. Patricia Sylvester, Director of Housing Policy and Programs, Department of Disabilities gave the Committee an overview of the Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (see presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Susan Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services, informed the Committee that the regulations for remote patient monitoring services is in sign off. In addition, we have a pharmacy regulation and state plan amendment packet that is going through to change the way we reimburse pharmacies for the ingredient verses the dispensing costs.

Behavioral Health System Report

No report given

Announcements

Mr. Matthew Celentano gave the Committee a briefing on a Medicaid public forum hosted by Health Care for all held on May 15, 2017 held to show community support for the Medicaid program. Future public forums will be held across the state.

Delegate Peña-Melnyk made a motion for the Committee to write a letter to Health Secretary Dennis Schrader urging the administration to take a very strong stand against the changes being proposed to Medicaid and talk about the significance of Medicaid to Maryland as Maryland was one of the states that took advantage of the Medicaid expansion. The impact of the federal budget on broad issues related to health should be included in the letter. The Committee further recommended that the letter request the Secretary join them at an upcoming meeting so he can hear from a cross section of experiences representing a range of populations. The motion was second and unanimously passed.

Ms. Laura Goodman informed the Committee that there is a requirement under our new HealthChoice standard terms and conditions for the Department to hold an annual post-award forum. Going forward it will be held once a year to review the demonstration. The first post-award forum will be held next month directly after the June Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting on June 22, 2017.

At an event last night held at the Museum of Dentistry, co-sponsored by the Public Justice Center, Health Care for the Homeless and others, former Washington Post reporter and author

Mary Otto read from her book *Teeth: The Story of Beauty, Inequality and the Struggle for Oral Health in America*. Ms. Otto was the first reporter to talk about Deamonte Driver's death ten years ago that led to major dental reform in Maryland. Deamonte Driver's family was in attendance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Lindamood adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.